

Troopers Investigate Fatal Motorcycle Crash

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Red Lion, DE – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal motorcycle crash which occurred last night in Red Lion.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 9:06 p.m. last night, Thursday, August 18, 2016, as John T. McDevitt, 63, of Bear, DE, was operating a 2002 Indian motorcycle and was traveling in an eastbound direction on the right hand shoulder of DE Rt. 71 (Red Lion Road) just west of Delilah Drive. The front of the McDevitt's motorcycle then struck the rear of a unoccupied 2005 Ford Explorer which was parked on the right hand shoulder of the roadway. The force of the impact caused the motorcycle to become embedded in the rear of the Explorer. McDevitt, who was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, was ejected from the motorcycle and struck the rear of the Ford. He then came to rest on the right hand shoulder.

John McDevitt was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. He was then transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center where he was pronounced dead. It is unknown if alcohol or drug use were contributing factors in this crash.

Red Lion Road was closed for approximately 2 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

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